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## PROGRESS ON BIG ENTERPRISE

American Rio Grande Land & Irrigation Company Has Army of Men at Work On Canal and Plant.

From parties lately arriving from the scene, it is learned that work is progressing very favorably on the big canal enterprise which is being conducted in Hidalgo county, near the Cameron county line by the American Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company. A small army of men and nearly two hundred teams are at work and the dirt is flying fast. Up to the present two miles of the main canal have been completed. This is a hundred-foot canal and it will be extended several miles farther before the construction of laterals is begun. An immense reservoir and settling tank to supply the canal has already been completed, comprising an area of about three hundred and fifty acres. Work is also progressing rapidly on the excavation for the power plant, which will be built on the beautiful hill at the station formerly known as Lonsboro, but now called Diaz. The plant will be seven miles from the river, the pumps, of course, being stationed on the river. The plant will be operated by electricity.

Among other improvements reported is the construction of a large, modern brick hotel at Diaz of which two stories are already built.

Things are moving in that region, and the magic touch of capital is rapidly developing the great possibilities of this rich valley into a realization of its promised fruitfulness. Although in its infancy yet, the development of this great enterprise will ere long transform the erstwhile barren plain into a rich and productive agricultural country.

The pay-roll of the company amounts to over three thousand dollars a week, and before the work is completed an immense sum will have been expended here.

It is reported the rescas are all full from the river, and while work has not been interfered with so far, only a few more inches would considerably retard it.

## A Mexican Killed.

About 8:30 this morning a shot was heard in Thielen's bakery on Elizabeth street, and investigation showed Juan López, a boy about 15 years old who for the past two years had been working in the bakery, with a bullet hole through the fleshy part of the left arm, which also evidently penetrated the heart. Mrs. Thielen heard the shot and ran to the door in time to see Juan López fall just outside the bakery. She asked him what the matter was but he was past speaking, and died immediately. Pomposo Torres also works in the bakery and was standing near Mrs. Thielen asked him what the trouble, but he made no answer.

A physician was sent for but it was too late. In the meantime Torres left the bakery, and is said to have crossed the river into Mexico. He is said to have told some one that Juan López shot himself, but this is hardly possible, from the location of the wound, in the back part of the left arm. It seems to be the impression that the shooting was accidental, as the boys had always been good friends and were working together. The pistol was a double action 38-caliber bull dog, and was held so near the victim that the arm was badly powder burned. THE HERALD learns that the boys had been playing with the pistol before and Mr. Thielen had not only forbidden such play, but told the owner of the weapon, Pomposo Torres, not to bring the gun to the bakery. Judge Gavito sat as coroner this morning but has yet rendered his verdict.

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## THE ARE REAL ANGRY.

Passengers are Much Disgruntled Over Treatment As Result Of Mexican National Washouts.

A San Antonio special of July 12, says: the first train to reach San Antonio from Mexico in five days came in as a special this morning, having aboard about as hungry, dirty and disgusted a lot of tourists as ever came out of Mexico. All of the passengers were tied up in the interior of Mexico for that time, being shifted about from place to place in an effort to get into the United States. This was finally accomplished by having the passengers walk about two miles through water nearly ankle deep, carrying their luggage with them.

Among the belated passengers were A. B. Adams and Prof. N. Simmons, wellknown mining engineers, who divide their residences between New York and the City of Mexico. Both were very much disgruntled with the way the passengers were shifted about after the washouts.

"A letter setting forth the true conditions has been prepared and signed by 150 passengers," said Mr. Adams, "and will be forwarded to the Pullman company and the secretary of the Mexican Government in charge of railroad transportation. We laid out in the woods for twenty-four hours without anything to eat, and where the water was nearly up to the car steps. Instead of being taken back to the City of Mexico or left in Monterey, we were run up to Monclova and held up two days.

"The Pullman porters took some chickens from the express car and were broiling them for their own use when we took them away and gave them to the children, who were crying because of hunger.

"Yesterday, in order to make the necessary transfer the passengers were compelled to walk two miles and carry their luggage. Much of the way the water and mud were over our shoetops. The passengers are going to see that the treatment accorded them is fully investigated."

## DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON INDUSTRY.

Lower Rio Grande Region Coming to Front as a Producer of the Fleecy Staple.

A Fort Worth special to the Dallas News of the 10th instant reads as follows:

Fort Worth, Tex., July 9.—Jesse O. Wheeler, editor of THE BROWNSVILLE HERALD, was here today, en route to Colorado to attend the Elks convention in Denver.

Mr. Wheeler speak in glowing terms of the growth of that section of the country and the development that is going on. The cotton crop in that section, he said, is the best of any section of the State and shows an increase of about 75 per cent in acreage, compared with last year. The first bale has already been shipped from Brownsville to New Orleans, where it sold on July 3 at 15c per pound, the proceeds to be donated to the Charity Hospital in that city.

Settlers are pouring in from the North, twice a month two car loads being brought in. Within the last month a syndicate has purchased 19,000 acres of land near Brownsville, which has been cut up into smaller tracts and put on the market. Speaking of that section, Mr. Wheeler said:

"You must remember that no cotton was planted in our section three or four years ago and hardly half a bale could be found, and last year at one station a short distance north of Brownsville on the Gulf Coast line over 4,000 bales were shipped out."

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## BODY IN COFFIN ALIVE.

Physician Halts Funeral Arrangements, but Can Not Arouse Girl.

Newport News, Va.—But for the precautions of the attending physician Miss Maude Wallace, daughter of J. S. Wallace of Foxhill, Elizabeth City County, would probably have been buried alive.

Miss Wallace was taken ill two weeks ago and gradually became worse. She was attended by Dr. Howe of Hampton. Today, during the absence of the physician, the young woman grew worse, and to all appearances died. There were no signs whatever of respiration or pulse. The parents of the girl, believing she was dead, made arrangements for the funeral, going so far as to notify the undertaker and have her body laid out in a coffin.

The undertaker, having occasion to go to Old Point previous to the interment, met Dr. Howe on the road. He informed Dr. Howe of the girl's death and asked him to make out the death certificate. Dr. Howe promised to do so and passed on, but later, not being convinced that everything was right, he drove to Foxhill for the purpose of satisfying himself as to what had happened during his absence.

Arriving at the home he found the conditions as they had been described to him, but also discovered that the body of the young woman was still limp and warm, and that there were evidence of respiration. He immediately declared that the girl was still alive and had the funeral arrangements canceled.

Since then Miss Wallace has lain in a comatose condition. The physicians have been utterly unable to arouse her or to produce any other evidences of life. The case is a puzzle to the physicians of the community, several of whom have been called into consultation with Dr. Howe. There is no doubt that the spark of life yet exists in the girl, there having been no sign of decomposition, the body remaining limp and warm.

## The San Antonio Fair.

The San Antonio International Fair Association has issued its premium list for the Eighth Annual Fair and Race Meet to be held at San Antonio, Texas, October 31st to November 11th, inclusive.

In addition to its stated premium list exceeding \$50,000.00 special premiums are offered for many features of vital interest to agricultural and live-stock industries.

In order to adequately display agricultural products, a special agricultural building of large proportions is now under construction. Activity at the Fair Grounds has already begun and a generous transformation of these will have taken place several weeks before the opening of the fair. Among the new features is a standard race track, cattle and swine arena, buildings for amusement devices, new walks and drive-ways and attractions. On a whole, this will represent an outlay of approximately \$40,000.00.

Of great interest to the visiting hosts at the fair is the solving of the transportation problem to and from the grounds. Through the efforts of the Fair Association, the transportation charges to and from the grounds will be ten cents. All railroads in Texas have agreed upon the minimum low rates to San Antonio. Thus a visit to the Fair is within the reach of all.

There will be the usual free attractions: band concerts and nightly features at the Fair. Racing purses are the largest ever offered in Texas. In this, as well as all other departments, the 1906 Fair will eclipse all previous efforts.

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